CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATION FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

JULY 9, 1985

In Attendance: Dean S. H. Appelbaum (Chairman)

K. Argheyd (Mana.), M. Armstrong (Econ.), B. Barbieri (Assoc. Dean), D. Blazouske (Acco.), J. Doukas (Fina.), C. Draimin (Assoc. Dean), C. Foster (Registrar's), D. Gandhi (Fina.), J. Goodwin (Mana.), S. Goyal (Q.M.), Z. Gidengil (Mktg.), A. Hochstein (Fina.), A. Jalilvand (Fina.), G. Johns (Mana.), V. H. Kirpalani (Mktg.), M. Kusy (Q.M.), D. MacDonald (Acco.), C. MacLaurin (Library), L. McGown (MKtg.), C. Potter (Fina.), L. Switzer (Fina.), P. Wade (Q.M.)

I Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:35.

II Open Meeting

III Approval of Agenda (CAFC-85-06M)

V. Kirpalani moved that the agenda CAFC-85-06A be approved.

Seconded by Z. Gidengil.

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IV New Business

1. M.Sc. Proposal (CAFC-85-06A-01)

The Chairman requested C. Draimin to address the M.Sc. proposal.

C. Draimin reported that at the Graduate Studies Meeting of July 4th, the committee had considered the report of the Sub-Committee on M.Sc. Programs (CAFC-85-06A-01) and the recommended amendments as summarized in documents CAFC-85-06A-02, M.Sc. (Accountancy), CAFC-85-06A-03, M.Sc. (Decision Sciences) and Management Information Systems) and CAFC-85-06A-04, M.Sc. (Management).

C. Draimin moved that the M.Sc. proposals for Accountancy, Decision Sciences and Management Information Systems and the M.Sc. in Management as described in CAFC-06A-01 and amended in CAFC-06A-02, CAFC-06A-03 and CAFC-06A-04 be approved in principle.

Seconded by D. Blazouske.

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IV New Business (cont'd.)

M.Sc. Proposal (CAFC-85-06A-01) cont'd.

A lengthy discussion followed.

D. Gandhi advised that the Department of Finance, after extensive deliberation on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on the M.Sc. Program later ratified by the Graduate Studies Committee, unanimously finds its exclusion from the M.Sc. Program unacceptable and appealed to the Council to give the Department of Finance the recognition and opportunity it deserves by recommending it for implementing an M.Sc. program in Finance.

C. Draimin replied that the Graduate Studies Committee had no desire to exclude the Department of Finance. Rather the Graduate Studies Committee, having determined that the resource requirements for the umbrella degree would preclude approval by the dean of Graduate Studies, had instructed the Sub-Committee to choose three proposals which would provide all departments with a vehicle for their students to pursue an M.Sc. in their own discipline.

A. Jalilvand expressed his understanding of the resource constraints but indicated that the exclusion of the Finance Department with its prominent national profile would impact negatively in terms of departmental motivation and recruitment.

A. Jalilvand moved that the Graduate Studies Committee reconvene during the summer to reconsider the merits of the M.Sc. Proposal put forth by the Department of Finance.

The Chairman suggested that the Graduate Studies Committee motion be amended to include consideration of the Finance M.Sc. proposal. G. Johns urged the withdrawal of both motions in order that the three proposals could be brought forward and voted on separately. The Chairman recommended returning the issue to the Graduate Studies Committee on the basis of objection to the global approval of the three proposals.

V. Kirpalani commented that the department of Marketing was also excluded in spite of their international reputation and explained that the decisions of the Sub-Committee were based on limited resources and favored proposals which would permit piggybacking and networking. C. Potter added that the Sub-Committee, keeping in mind the need to feed the Ph.D. in Administration Program and the resource constraints, had to choose three proposals which would provide a framework which allowed all departments access to the nourishment of the program.

J. Doukas pointed out a discrepancy in standards in the three proposals, specifically, the core and elective requirements, and questioned the lack of homogeneity across the departments. C. Draimin replied that changes would be made by the Board of

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IV New Business (Cont'd.)

M.Sc. Proposal (cont'd.)

Graduate Studies and explained that at this point, we would be asking for approval in principle in order to allow for and M.Sc. on the books as soon as possible.

G. Johns asked what criteria were applied in deciding on the three proposals and questioned the ability of the Department of Accountancy to provide adequate resources for the M.Sc. program. C. Potter replied that the criteria were (1) quality of the proposal (2) demand (3) resources (4) degree of piggy-backing. He added that the quality of the department was assumed in light of our Ph.D. program. D. Blazouske responded that the M.Sc. in Accountancy would be run in conjunction with UQAM. J. Doukas questioned the advantages of a joint program.

L. Switzer asked why one M.Sc. which would provide for all departments had not been considered. C. Draimin replied that the umbrella degree had been considered, however, the proposed programs would require a total of 21 new positions.

A. Jalilvand moved that the M.Sc. proposal for Finance be added to the Graduate Studies motion presented by C. Draimin.

Seconded by J. Doukas.

The Chairman stated that he had not as yet met with the Vice Rector concerning budget and although future constraints were still unknown it is not expected that there will be an increase in the 111 establishment positions. V. Kirpalani agreed that an M.Sc. in Administration would be preferable and suggested the original proposals be reconsidered with a limitation of 6 new positions. S. Appelbaum replied that we must consider seriously the effect of juggling workload with our large undergraduate program and our research oriented faculty. C. Draimin indicated that if the three proposals were accepted by Graduate Studies, resources would be granted by the Quebec Government and would not affect present positions.

C. Potter stated that it is essential, keeping in mind the recruitment policies and priorities of the Faculty, that all members of the faculty have access to stimulating graduate work. He recommended that the Accountancy proposal be separated as a professional program and the M.Sc. umbrella degree be reconsidered.

M. Kusy stated that he did not feel the exclusion of the Marketing and Finance departments to be fair, all departments must participate. He recommended that the proposal be sent back to Graduate Studies to structure a professional Masters in Accountancy program and an M.Sc. in Administration umbrella program.

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IV New Business

A discussion concerning the implications of the delay ensued. M. Kusy stated that most of the work had been done by the Finance and Marketing departments and the balance could be completed during the summer. C. Draimin added that work must be completed on time for the first Faculty Council meeting in September otherwise one full year would be lost.

V. Kirpalani recommended the approval in principle of an M.Sc. in Administration with four concentrations to be structured within the resource limitation of 6 new faculty members.

M. Kusy moved that the M.Sc. proposal presented by the Graduate Studies Committee be returned to the committee and they be mandated to structure a professional degree in Accountancy and an M.Sc. in Administration with concentrations in Finance, Management, Marketing and Decision Science and Management Information Systems.

Seconded by V. Kirpalani.

The Chairman called for a vote on M. Kusy's motion.

In Favor	Abstention
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CARRIED

V Other Business

As there was not other business, Z. Gidengil moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seonded by G. Johns.

CARRIED

VI Next Meeting

Friday, September 27, 1985
09:30, GM503-48 SGW Campus